GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – V & E Cases - Vigilance Report No.91 – Irregularities in distribution of Fertilizers by AP MARKFED, Guntur – Disciplinary action initiated against Sri Y.Pulla Reddy, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur and subsequently retired, under A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, – Charges held not proved – Dropping of further action - Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 226 **Dated: 29-04-2025**

Read the following:

1. From the Director General (Vig. & Enft.) & E.O. Prl. Secy. to Govt., Vigilance Report No.91 (C.No.997/ V&E/ (Dev.II) /D1/ 2011), dt.01.11.2012.
2. Govt. Memo. No.14005/Vig.I-1/2012-1, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.24.12.2012.
3. G.O.Ms.No.15 A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.24.01.2013.
4. G.O.Rt.No.181, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.24.01.2013.
5. Written Statement of Defense (WSD), dt.04.04.2013 of Sri Y.Pulla Reddy, Joint Director of Agriculture (Retd.), Guntur forwarded by the Commissioner of Agriculture vide Lr.No.Vig.II(2)764/2012, dt.18.04.2013.
6. G.O.Rt.No.36, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.10.01.2023.
7. G.O.Rt.No.37, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.10.01.2023.
8. From the Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.II(2)764/2012, dt.11.09.2023.
9. Govt. Memo. No.AGC01-AGRI/298/2020, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.06.10.2023.
10. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, L.No.Vig.II(2)764/2012, dt.24.01.2024.

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O R D E R :

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General (Vig. & Enft.) & E.O. Prl. Secretary to Government, General Adminstration (V&E) Department, A.P., has submitted Appraisal Report No.91 regarding certain irregularities noticed in distribution of Fertilizers by APMARKFED, Guntur to Institutional Agencies in Guntur District during Kharif 2010 and recommended to take action as against Sri Y.Pulla Reddy, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur and subsequently retired and Sri U.Narasimaha Rao, District Manager, AP MARKFED Guntur.

2. In the reference 2nd read above a copy of the V & E Report was sent to the Commissioner and Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad and requested to furnish draft Article of Charge against Sri Y.Pulla Reddy, the then Joint Director of Agriculture. Further, the Vice Chairman & Managing Director, APMARKFED, Hyderabad was also requested to initiate disciplinary action against Sri U. Narasimha Rao, MD, AP MARKFED, Guntur.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Government accorded sanction under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 to initiate departmental proceedings against Sri Y.Pulla Reddy, Joint Director of Agriculture Guntur (Now Retired). Subsequently, in the reference 4th read above, Article of Charge issued against him, with a direction to submit his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) duly admitting/denying the Charge framed against him.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Charged Officer Sri Y.Pulla Reddy, Joint Director of Agriculture (Retd.), Guntur has submitted his Written Statement of Defense (WSD), through the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad, duly denying the charge framed against him and requested to drop the further action in the matter.

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5. The Written Statements of Defense of the Charged Officer is not convincing, the Government in the reference 6th read above appointed Smt.D.Prameela, Director, ATMA, Mangalagiri, Guntur, as Inquiring Authority, under sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services

(CC&A) Rules 1991, to inquire into the Articles of Charges issued against Sri Y.Pulla Reddy, Joint Director of Agriculture (Retd.), Guntur.

6. In the reference 7th read above, the Government also appointed Smt.P.Padmaja, Joint Director of Agriculture, O/o C & DA, A.P., Guntur, as Presenting Officer, under Sub-rule (5)(c) of Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, to present the case before the Inquiring Authority, on behalf of the Government.

7. In the reference 8th read above, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, has forwarded the Inquiry Report submitted by Smt.D.Prameela, the then Director, ATMA, Mangalagiri, Guntur & the Inquiring Authority, wherein she conclude that the Charges leveled against Sri Y. Pulla Reddy, the Joint Director of Agriculture (Retd.), Guntur, is not proved.

8. In the reference 9th read above, the Government have communicated a copy of the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officer, Sri Y. Pulla Reddy, the Joint Director of Agriculture (Retd.), Guntur, through Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, with a direction to submit his representation, if any, on the Inquiry Report.

9. In the reference 10th read above, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, has forwarded the date of acknowledgement of receipt of Inquiry Report and representation submitted by the Charged Officer Sri Y. Pulla Reddy, the Joint Director of Agriculture (Retd.), Guntur, in which he has stated that there are no objections on the findings and report of the Inquiry Officer and he has requested to drop further action, duly exonerating him from the Article of Charges issued against him.

10. The Government, after careful examination of the matter and accepts the findings of the Inquiry Authority and accordingly, hereby dropped further action against Sri Y. Pulla Reddy, the Joint Director of Agriculture (Retd.), Guntur, under A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 duly exonerating him from the Article of Charge issued against him.

11. The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR
EX-OFFICIO SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
Sri Y.Pulla Reddy, the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur (Retired).
(through the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)
The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:
The Prl. Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The District Treasury Officer, Guntur District.
The District Agriculture Officer, Guntur District.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.V.C., 5thBlock, 1st Floor,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, A.P.
Sf/Sc.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER